

History 208/Preventive Medicine 479

Health, Medicine and Social Reform

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Course requirements are a midterm exam, a final exam, and a 7-page book review essay. Each will contribute to one-third of the final grade.

The following books are to be purchased:

George Rosen, *A History of Public Health* (Hopkins) [PH]

Friedrich Engels, *The Condition of the Working Class in England* (Oxford)

Jacob Riis, *How the Other Half Lives* (Bedford)

James H. Jones, *Bad Blood* (Free Press)

Other readings are available on electronic reserve.

The book review essay must be written on **one** of the following books:

Engels (due 2/19)

Riis (due 4/2)

Jones (due 4/23)

Each student will be assigned a specific mentor (Griesinger or Brown) who will grade all book review essays by her or his assigned students. Mentor assignments will be announced early in the semester.

Schedule of Lectures

Jan 15	Introduction and Orientation
Jan 22	Health, medicine, and the Scientific Revolution
Jan 27	Health and the Enlightenment
Jan 29	Eighteenth century hospitals
Feb 3	Medical Police
Feb 5	Health, medicine, and the French Revolution
Feb 10	British sanitary reform – I
Feb 12	British sanitary reform – II
Feb 17	German social medicine
Feb 19	The promise of scientific medicine
Feb 24	Bismarck and sickness insurance
Feb 26	Sickness insurance in Britain
Mar 3	National health programs in 20 th century Europe
Mar 5	Midterm Exam
Mar 17	National health insurance in Canada
Mar 19	Cross-currents in 19 th century America
Mar 24	Bacteriology and the American public health movement
Mar 26	Medicine and reform in the Progressive Era – I
Mar 31	Medicine and reform in the Progressive Era – II
Apr 2	Corporate philanthropy and public health
Apr 7	Organized labor and American health politics
Apr 9	Medical politics and the New Deal
Apr 14	Medical politics in postwar America
Apr 16	Race and health in America – I
Apr 21	Race and health in America – II
Apr 23	Medicare and Medicaid
Apr 28	From the sixties to the nineties
Apr 30	The issues today

Readings

1/15	Rosen, <u>A History of Public Health</u> , 1-25
1/22	Rosen, <u>PH</u> , 57-106 King, <u>The Medical World of the Eighteenth Century</u> , 1-29
1/27	Rosen, <u>PH</u> , 107-137, 148-166
1/29	McKeown and Brown in Glass & Eversley (eds.), <u>Population in History</u> , 285-307 [start reading Engels]
2/3	Rosen, <u>PH</u> , 137-143 Frank, <u>A System of Complete Medical Police</u> , 36-39, 46-52, 64-69, 79-85,

112-113, 132-133, 164-167, 183-196, 357-361

- 2/5 Rosen, PH, 143-146
Frank, "The People's Misery: Mother of Diseases," Bull. Hist. Med., 9 (1941): 88-100
[finish approx. half of Engels]
- 2/10 Rosen, PH, 166-209, 235-251
Chadwick [Great Britain Poor Law], Report on the Sanitary Conditions of the Labouring Population, 74-84, 396-399, 421-425
- 2/12 **Engels, The Condition of the Working Class in England**, esp. pp. 9-247
- 2/17 Rosen, PH, 226-235
Virchow, "Report of the Typhus Epidemic in Upper Silesia," in Collected Essays on Public Health and Epidemiology, I, 205-206, 307-319
- 2/19 Rosen, PH, 251-266, 270-308
Virchow, "Standpoints in Scientific Medicine," in Disease, Life, and Man, 26-39
- 2/24 Hollyday, Bismarck, 57-66
- 2/26 Watkin, Documents on Health and Social Services, 71-87
- 3/3 Rosen, PH, 415-426
- 3/17 Navarro, "Why Some Countries Have Health Insurance," Soc. Sci. Med., 28 (1989): 887-897
- 3/19 Rosen, PH, 209-226
- 3/24 Rosen, PH, 308-319, 358-369
- 3/26 **Riis, How the Other Half Lives**
- 3/31 Rosen, PH, 320-358
- 4/2 Brown, "Public Health in Imperialism," Amer. J. Public Health, 66 (1976): 897-903
- 4/7 Rosen, PH, 395-415
- 4/9 Rosen, PH, 426-439
- 4/14 Starr, The Social Transformation of American Medicine, 266-289, 299-310

- 4/16 **Jones, Bad Blood**
- 4/21 Geiger, "The Endlessly Revolving Door," Amer. J. Nursing, 69 (1969): 2436-2444
- 4/23 Brown, "Medicare and Medicaid: Band-aids for the Old and Poor," in Sidel & Sidel (eds.), Reforming Medicine, 50-76